

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the Title with the following rewritten Title:

--HOLDER FOR RELEASABLY HOLDING CONVENTIONAL COSMETIC
TOOLS--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/816,416, entitled "Cosmetic Tool for Releasably Holding Cosmetic Products," and filed March 26, 2001, now abandoned, which is incorporated herein by reference.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--FIG. 20 illustrates operation of chuck mechanism 73. Rotational movement of chuck mechanism 73, as represented by arrows 86, causes lateral movement of jaws 80, 82, and 84, as represented by arrows 88, 90, and 92. A cosmetic tool, when installed, is held securely in place by jaws 80, 82, and 84. The cosmetic tool can be released by rotational movement of chuck mechanism 73 causing jaws 80, 82, and 84 to open. In addition to lateral movement, the jaws may also move in a longitudinal direction as known in the art for conventional chuck mechanisms. Chuck mechanism 81 can operate in a similar fashion. Chuck mechanisms are known in the art and examples are described in the following patents, which are incorporated herein by reference: U.S. Patent Nos. 6,129,363; and 6,105,974. The term "chuck mechanism" includes any mechanism having movable jaws for releasably holding variable size items.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The holders 10, 30, 71, and 100 described above, or others consistent with the present invention, can have a variety of configurations. The entire holder is preferably long enough to comfortably grasp but not so long as to be cumbersome or difficult to fit within a conventional purse or other container. It can, however, be made any desired length. The holders can include a variety of types of holders on the ends, such as those examples described above, including holders for variable size cosmetic tools. Furthermore, each end can include the same type of holder or a different type. When in place, the cosmetic tools are ~~preferable~~ preferably held securely enough to permit application of them. Releasable holders provide the advantage of, for example, permitting use of the holder with conventional cosmetic tools and permitting those products to be replaced in the holder when used up. Alternatively, instead of being releasably held in the holders, one of the cosmetic tools can be permanently attached to the main body.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--CLAIMS--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--ABSTRACT--